

SMALLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Smalley Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th February 2026
At 7.30pm at the Smalley Institute, Smalley

21/26 Present

L Pizzey (Chairman), M Thomson, A Paget, J Saddington, S Yeomans
T Pride and M Bowen

22/26 Public Questions

None

23/26 Woodland Trust

Mr C Williams – Estate Manager from the Woodland Trust attended the meeting to discuss the no parking signs which have been erected on Bell Lane today.

The Woodland Trust own the first 250 metres of Bell Lane the rest of the lane is owned by the farmer. There have been incidents of agricultural vehicles not being able to access the fields due to the numbers of vehicles parked along the lane, there has also been an incident of someone being knocked off their bike along the lane.

As this lane is a footpath and a private lane vehicle access is not permitted, the signs have been introduced to reinforce this.

If cars continue to park down Bell Lane, then further action will be taken.

Mr Williams appreciated that this area for many years has been used to park cars whilst people are visiting the area, however it has now become a problem which for the health and safety of everyone must be addressed.

24/26 Borough Councillor Report

Parish Boundaries

Cllr Paget has 630 signatures on a petition to keep the parish boundaries the same, which will be submitted to Derbyshire County Council. Leaflets have been dropped in the village explaining what is proposed.

The final recommendations will be made in March.

Cllr Bowen proposed that a social media face book page be created by Cllr Paget and Cllr Pizzey to ensure that any news updates can be circulated quickly to the residents of Smalley Cllr Pride seconded this and all members agreed.

Cllr Pride proposed that Cllr Paget be reimbursed for the leaflets that were produced regarding the Parish Boundaries, Cllr Thomson seconded this all members agreed.

The Local Government Reorganisation is out for consultation, members agreed that all Amber Valley should go into the Northern Authority.

The food waste initiative should be coming on line soon, a small caddy will be provided for the kitchen and a larger bin for outside which will be collected on a weekly basis.

Derbyshire County Council has increased their precept by 4.9% and Amber Valley by 3%.

Cllr Paget and Cllr Pizzey to contact Derbyshire County Council regarding the potholes on Adale Road.

25/26 Police Report

On Saturday 14th Feb, the Main Road, Smalley was closed off for a few hours in the morning as sadly a male suffered a heart attack whilst on his pushbike and after Ambulance arrived, he was pronounced deceased at the scene.

On 31st January a burglary is reported which has taken place in an empty unoccupied property, sadly as the property had been empty so long, there were no witnesses / CCTV or forensic opportunities, so just a general reminder to be vigilant, if there are any vacant properties in the local area.

26/26 Apologies

Cllrs W Judson, J Ainsworth and G Rogers and the Police.

27/26 Variation of Order of Business

None

28/26 Declaration of Members Interests

RESOLVED: Members agreed to take any Declarations of Members Interests as they occur in the meeting.

29/26 To confirm the non-confidential Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th January 2026

Cllr Paget proposed, and Cllr Saddington seconded the minutes were agreed as a correct record by the members and duly signed by the Chair.

30/26 Planning applications

AVA/2026/0034 – 17 Wilmot Drive – Rear extension
No objections

RE/20260843 – T1 Oak re-pollard back to previous pollard points
3 The Grange – No objections

31/26 Playground Inspection

Basket swing

Cllr Paget informed members that in her opinion the basket of the swing should be removed and a playground contractor be employed to reinstate the swing. All members agreed.

32/26 Grit Bins

Cllr Pizzey to send a list of grit bins belonging to the Parish Council to all members. Derbyshire County Council are not maintaining the grit bins and Peveril Builders have not provided any bins on the new estates.

The lengthsman to be asked to fill grit bins when on his rounds.

Cllr Pride proposed and Cllr Paget seconded that the council to purchase a grit bin for Lowe Avenue Estate, however Clerk to contact Peveril Homes to ask if they would provide a grit bin for the area first.

33/26 Tavern Plantation

Quotation have been received for the work to be carried out on the trees in the Tavern Plantation which are urgent. Clerk to organise the work to be carried out by Cllr A Paget proposed and Cllr L Pizzey seconded that G Long be asked to carry out the work as soon as possible.

34/26 National Grid – Update

More information regarding the National Grid proposals this week.

35/26 Parish Signs

One has been ordered for Dobholes Lane, which will be installed in due course.

36/26 Post Office moving to Premier Stores

The Post Office will be moving to Premier Stores in the near future.

37/26 Finance

The financial and budget report for February has been circulated previously.

Members agreed that the following payments be made.

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| Shelter Maintenance | £101.28 |
| Salaries/expenses/pension/hmrc | £3313.20 |
| Art Group - Rent for Smalley Institute for 1 meetings | £15.00 |
| Eon | £32.99 |

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| Waterplus DD | £15.46 |
| Christmas lights Installation of lights 2024 | £872.68 |
| Excel – stationery | £23.94 |
| Excel – ink | £92.26 |
| Sutcliffe Play – 8mm shackle c/w nut and bolt | £27.94 |
| T Ainsworth – Lengthsman duties | £112.50 |

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| Income | |
| February 2026 | |
| Interest | £27.25 |
| Gillots | £410.00 |

38/26 Correspondence

EMCCA Briefing Notes re public transport

~~Email~~ – various issues

Clerk to write to highways to ask for a reduction of speed limit on the A608 towards the Rose and Crown

Report the pavements towards the Rose and Crown again.

The owners of hedge near Smalley Hall have been written to request this hedge is cut back.

Clerk to ask Amber Valley to reinstate the litter bin at the Bus stop at the bottom of Cloves Hill.

A request for a childrens party to be held at the Community Garden at Hall Farm Way, this is the responsibility of the Community Group however, the Parish Council does not have any objections.

The meeting closed at 8.53 pm